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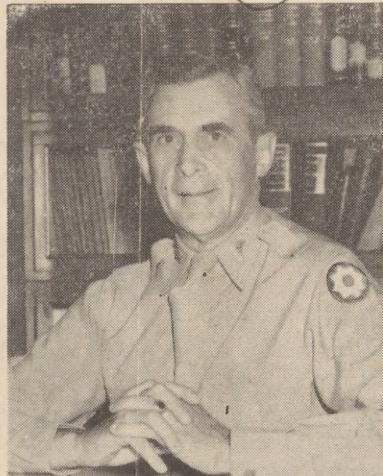
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COLONEL  
JOHN C. WOODLAND  
Commanding Officer  
Brooke General Hospital

Meet the  
Commanders  
of the  
Four Components  
of the  
Brooke  
Hospital Center



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## THE CHAPEL



## SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT BROOKE HOSPITAL CENTER

**BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPEL:****Sunday**

Catholic Mass 6:15 A. M. & 8:30 A. M.  
Protestant Worship 10:00 A. M.  
Protestant Vespers 7:30 P. M.

**RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, NEW HOSPITAL:**

Sunday School for Children 10:00 A. M.

**BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPEL:****Weekdays**

Catholic Mass, daily except Wed. 5:30 P. M.  
Catholic Mass, Wednesday 8:30 A. M.  
Protestant Vesper Service Wed. 7:00 P. M.

**RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, OLD HOSPITAL:****Sunday**

Catholic Mass 10:00 A. M.  
Protestant Worship 9:00 A. M.  
Protestant Vespers 5:30 P. M.

**Weekdays**

Protestant Vesper Service, Wed. 5:30 P. M.

**BROOKE CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL:****Sunday**

CATHOLIC MASS  
Chapel No. 2 (900 area) 9:00 A. M.  
Chapel No. 3 (1200 area) 8:00 A. M.  
Scott Road Chapel 10:00 A. M.

**Tuesday and Friday**

Chapel No. 3 5:30 P. M.

**PROTESTANT SERVICES****Sunday**

Chapel No. 2 (900 Area) 10:00 A. M.  
Chapel No. 3 (1200 Area) 9:00 A. M.

**EPISCOPAL SERVICES****Sunday**

Chapel No. 2, Holy Communion 10:45 A. M.

**JEWISH SERVICES****Friday**

Chapel No. 2, Sabbath Worship 8:00 P. M.

## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SIN

In the first few verses in the third chapter of Genesis, we have an account of how sin came into the world. As God created man, he was pure, and not subject to the power of sin. The picture here, is one of real happiness. At all times, he had God's blessings as they were represented in the Garden of Eden, and in His personal presence through His daily visits.

The situation was too lovely for the enemy of God to be happy about, consequently, he devised a plan to interfere. He selected the most cunning animal, the serpent, to work through, that he might be-guile man and woman. One day, when Eve was off her guard, he asked a very simple question, "Has God forbidden the eating of any of the fruit of the garden?" Her answer was, that the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden was not to be eaten! He drove home his point by accusing God of being unfair. In the first place he said, "Ye shall not surely die." This was a direct contradiction to what God had said; then he told Eve that the fruit was desired to make one wise, and, "Ye shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil." Strangely enough, this appealed to Eve, and as a result, she ate and gave to her husband who ate with her. Immediately man saw he had violated the direct command of God by obeying God's enemy, but it was too late, the act had been committed. This is sin in its working.

This serves to show how sin, not only came into the world, but how it makes its approach to the individual and to society generally. The after effects of sin are never revealed, only the appealing side of

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# BROOKE HOSPITAL CENTER





## May Was Moving Month at Brooke

The past month has seen a great deal of moving at Brooke. With the redesignation of the Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital to the Brooke Hospital Center, a goodly number of changes and moves took place.

First of all, the Brooke Hospital Center established its headquarters in the central building of the area formerly occupied by the Adjutant General's School. Here are located the offices of the Commanding General, Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach; the Executive Officer, Major Anthony J. Zolenas; the Adjutant, Captain Robert S. Hawthorne; the Registrar, Major Carlos V. Mobley; the Director of Dietetics, Major Roy I. Weir, Jr.; the Director of Personnel, Major Cyrus S. Myers; the Commanding Officer of the 1811 SCU Troop Command, Major Robert H. Pickel, Jr.; the Medical Supply Officer, Major John A. DeLaMater; the Medical Inspector, Major Robert C. Page, and his assistant, First Lieutenant Fred A. Leisering; the Security and Intelligence Officer, Captain Raymond N. Barr; the Individual Services Officer, Captain Robert E. Van Gilder; the Admission and Disposition Officer, Captain Richard O. Hunter; the Motor Transportation Officer, Captain Rollo N. Moyer; the Director of Training, First Lieutenant Wesley E. Russell, and the Public Relations Officer, First Lieutenant Francis J. Murphy.

Colonel John C. Woodland was designated Commanding Officer of the Brooke General Hospital and Lieutenant Colonel James R. Dillard was named Executive Officer with Second Lieutenant Marshal C. Rudder as Adjutant. Other designations include the following: First Lieutenant James E. Mance, Hospital Inspector; First Lieutenant Lewis

I. Post, Mess Officer; First Lieutenant Arthur L. Whitt, Pharmacy Officer and Property Officer, new hospital with First Lieutenant Robert J. McTigue, Property Officer, old hospital; First Lieutenant Clarence N. Lawson, Detachment Commander, and Second Lieutenant Mike O'Daniel, Individual Services Officer.

Colonel William C. McCally has been designated Commanding Officer of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital with Captain Richard T. Viguers as Executive Officer, First Lieutenant John P. Brockman, adjutant, First Lieutenant Russell A. Nicholson, Transportation Officer; First Lieutenant James M. Moses, Assistant Public Relations Officer, and Second Lieutenant Ennis C. Nentwig, Mess Officer.

Officers of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School remain the same with the exception of Colonel Warren C. Fargo, who has been designated Commandant of the school. Heretofore his designation has been assistant commandant.

The move of the Brooke Hospital Center's Headquarters to the new area was effected to make room in the main building of the Brooke General Hospital for the new administrative set-up there. Facilities were thus afforded for the administrative offices of the Army Nurse Corps to move from Reid Hall into the hospital proper. Principal Chief Nurse of the Army Nurse Corps at Brooke General Hospital is Lieutenant Maidie E. Tillie.

A branch Public Relations Office has now been set-up in Headquarters Building of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital in addition to the Public Relations Office at the Brooke Hospital Center.

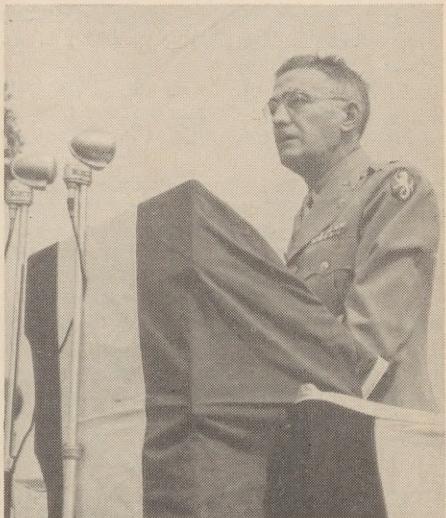
Another Public Relations office is established in the main building of Brooke General Hospital, where the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast will continue to be compiled. In addition this office will also execute Public Relations activities for the Brooke General Hospital.



# V-E Day Solemnly Observed At Brooke Hospital Center

May 8th, 1945, will live long in the memory of Americans, for May 8th, 1945, was officially declared V-E Day with the UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF THE GERMANS.

Brooke Hospital Center celebrated the occasion with solemn ceremonies staged on Arthur MacArthur Field in front of the main building of Brooke General Hospital. Present for the great event were some five thousand members of the Hospital Command including staff members and the Army Nurse Corps, patients of both the Brooke General and the Brooke Convalescent Hospitals, Physical Therapists, Hospital Dieticians, members of the Detachment Medical Department, staff and students of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School which included some



Part of the huge crowd attending Brooke Hospital Center's V-E Day Celebration which took place on Arthur MacArthur Field on Tuesday, May 8th, 1945. Inset above, Lt. Colonel George M. Roper, who was liberated from Bilibid prison in February of this year. Colonel Roper had been a prisoner of the Japs since May, 1942. He spoke briefly at the V-E Day celebration on his experiences.

300 members of the Women's Army Corps, and civilian employees.

An invocation by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John E. Kinney opened the V-E Day program and Colonel John C. Woodland, who spoke briefly, introduced the speakers.

"Fellow Americans," began Colonel Woodland, "we are assembled to celebrate on this great occasion, the defeat of Germany and its unconditional surrender. V-E Day ordinarily would call for a glorious celebration, but when we think of many of our soldiers still fighting in the Pacific, it sobers the occasion.

"It is therefore up to those of us here at home to carry on in our efforts and we may all rest assured that the defeat of Japan will come."

Colonel Woodland then introduced Corporal Milton D. Robertson, who had been a prisoner of the Germans for seven months. Cpl. Robertson gave a short talk; followed by Lt. Colonel George M. Roper, who had been a prisoner of the Japs from May, 1942, until February of this year.

"I was on duty at Zamboanga in the Philippines," began Colonel Roper, "when I was taken prisoner by the Japs. We were first taken to a Jap prison camp about 50 miles from Japal City before being loaded into boats for Manila. \* \* \* We arrived at Bilibid prison on the 21st day after having been taken prisoner. Fortunately I was sick and was allowed to remain there; others were sent to Cabanatuan. \* \* \* Together with other Americans I suffered the deprivations of Bilibid prison and when released weighed only 70 pounds.

"\* \* \* When the Americans arrived to liberate us, some of us at Bilibid didn't even recognize our own troops. But when we heard that good old Yankee English profanity, we knew the Americans had come at last."

Colonel Woodland then introduced General Beach and his address follows:

"The war in Europe has ended; victory over an enemy who hoped to overpower much of the world has been achieved.

"Time and again in recent months we seemed near to this day, because of the rapid progress made on the fields of battle, and from hopes built on rumors that never became facts. Finally this day of triumph and rejoicing arrived. Rejoicing today will make us stronger tomorrow to face the future, with its many problems still to be solved, and the many battles yet to be won.

"There still remains work for our Army to clear out small pockets of the enemy in Europe. The military status of those die-hards is now that of fugitives from

justice. When they are beaten into submission, the heart-breaking casualty lists that have been coming from across the Atlantic will cease.

"It is not pleasant to inject into victory the venom extracted from an enemy without charity, honor or decency. But unless we hold firmly to the determination that Germany shall be punished, it is not unlikely that we will be displaying our national characteristic of softness of heart. With all the seriousness which I am capable of employing, let me warn you never to lessen your belief that it is the duty of the United States, and of other nations with which we are allied, to see that Germany is punished.

"We failed before in our duty to posterity, and so did our allies of World War I. Because of the indifference and weak policy of our own and other nations, Hitler tore page after page from the Versailles Treaty of 1919, and began trampling underfoot one after the other the nations of Europe.

"Let us not forget that the defeat of Germany does not mean the end of the present war for us. We have yet to perform a very considerable part in the defeat of Japan, which is certain and must be as complete as that of Germany. We can never forget that it was the Japanese who inflicted upon us the "sneak attack at Pearl Harbor" on December 7, 1941. It was the Japanese who showed the world in the "march of death" after the fall of Bataan how debased so-called human beings can become. The defeat of Japan will entail military operations as great as those required to defeat Germany. It is quite probable that in our war with Japan so far, we have never been up against the real might of the Japanese Army.

"To you who have borne the battle and are now in Brooke Hospital Center recovering from your wounds and other ravages of war, I desire to extend the grateful thanks of this country for your noble and unselfish accomplishments in its defense. My best wishes go to all of you for a complete and speedy recovery.

"To all personnel connected with the Brooke Hospital Center, I wish to express my own grateful appreciation for the excellent work you are doing here."

Private Russ Carlyle led the whole assembly in the singing of "God Bless America" and Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas A. Hisnay gave the closing prayer.

The 365th ASF Band under the direction of WOJG W. G. Strickland then played the "Star Spangled Banner," which concluded the V-E Day celebration at Brooke.

# Surgeon General's Group Makes Inspection Tour



Left to right, above: Brigadier General W. Lee Hart, Medical Director for the Eighth Service Command, Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General of the Brooke Hospital Center and Colonel A. H. Schwichtenberg, Chief of the Hospital Division, Surgeon General's Office, are shown at the luncheon held for the visitors from the Surgeon General's Office. The group was here with General Hart to make an inspection of the rapidly expanding facilities at the Brooke Hospital Center.



Above, Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, chief of the nursing division, Surgeon General's Office, who with Lt. Colonel Utie I. Kleibscheidel, office of the surgeon, 8th Service Command, and Lt. Colonel Maidie E. Tillie, principal chief nurse at Brooke General Hospital, conducted an inspection of the wards at Brooke General Hospital. They are shown above with Sgt. Herman G. Moore of El Paso, Texas, patient at the Brooke General Hospital.

# Texas Heroes of World War II

**By Colonel Martin Lalor Crimmins, U. S. Army, Retired**

## II. Lieutenant General William Hood Simpson

Lieutenant General William Hood Simpson (Texas Bill), whose troops stood opposite the Siegfried line with all the staunchness of "Stonewall" Jackson and advanced with the invincible determination of "Lee's ablest lieutenant," General James Longstreet, is the son of a Confederate soldier. He was born May 19th, 1888, in Weatherford, Texas. He graduated at the U. S. Military Academy in June, 1909, served in the Philippines with my old regiment, the 6th U. S. Infantry from 1910 to 1912, and then back to the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., where his regiment was brigaded with the 18th U. S. Infantry. We then went to El Paso, Texas, and two years later to Mexico, in 1916, with General Pershing's Punitive Expedition. So we served in the same Brigade about five years. He went overseas as an aide of our old Colonel, General George Bell, Jr., February, 1917, to December, 1917, on a tour of observation of the British and French Armies. The French government honored him with the Croix de Guerre, when he was assistant Chief of Staff of the 33rd Division, and the Legion of Honor. He won the U. S. Distinguished Service Medal for his staff service and the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

As a Major, William Simpson married Ruth Krakauer of El Paso, Texas in December 1921 and she proved a true helpmate and encouraged him to become one of the most efficient officers in our army. His progress was steady. He was a distinguished graduate of the Command and General Staff School in 1925. He served on the General Staff in Washington from 1928 until 1932 and in 1936 was an instructor in the Army War College. He came to Fort Sam Houston in August 1940 to command the 9th Infantry. He had acquired an expert knowledge of tanks and field artillery and was promoted to Brigadier General (temporary) and assigned as assistant commander of the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston, October 1, 1940. He took command of Camp Wolters, Texas in April 1941 and was promoted to Major General (Temporary) the following September. On October 14, 1941, he took command of the 35th Division and in May, 1942, he commanded the 30th Division. He was put in command of the 12th Army Corps at Fort Jackson, S. C. September 1, 1942 and then was promoted to Lieutenant General (temporary) on September 29, 1943. He commanded the Fourth Army at San Jose,

Calif., October, 1943 and again at San Antonio, Texas, January 1944 until he went overseas, in Spring, taking command of the Ninth Army in June of 1944.

In September 1944, the Ninth Army was in action on the western front in France. Simpson's Army drove forward steadily almost 800 miles across the paths of other armies, through Luxembourg, France, Belgium and Holland and in two months it arrived in Germany, between the British Second and the American First Armies and opposite the Northern section of the Siegfried line fortifications.

General Simpson was never a chair soldier. He was constantly on the go and he set an example to his subordinates. It was never too cold, muddy, nor the snow too deep to stop him. The V-weapons didn't stop his advance and he pushed on through the deadly mine fields to the Roer River, the last barrier before the Rhine. The Ninth Army stood firmly against the Counter-attacks for four days until November 22 and by December 8th he had beaten off 15 German counterattacks without losing a foot of ground and took 7,000 prisoners and caused the enemy to lose 13,500 in killed and wounded. The Germans had 30 to 40 percent of their forces including their best Panzer and S. S. troops opposite him although he held only 15 percent of our front line. Therefore, when the Germans broke through they selected a part not held by Simpson.

After taking Magdeberg April 19, Simpson's advance was steady until he stopped in obedience to orders and returned to the Elbe, when it is said he could have taken Berlin in ten days. According to the following:

I quote from the Associated Press release of April 26th "WITH THE U. S. ARMY IN GERMANY. (Delayed by censorship.) A direct order from Supreme Allied Headquarters halted the U. S. 9th Army's drive to Berlin at the Elbe River at a time when the most pessimistic officers were predicting Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's forces could reduce the German capital in 10 days "even if the Germans fought hard."

"General Eisenhower's order stated the 9th would halt on the Elbe and await the arrival of Russian forces from the East, thereby leaving the capture of the capital to the Red army.

"It also was understood the American 1st and 3rd and British and Canadian ar-

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# THE MIGHTY

## WAR LOAN

INVEST YOUR DOLLARS and SENSE in  
**WAR BONDS**

FOR VICTORY OVER JAPAN

The Battle of Japan has just begun. It must be backed up, paid for, fought for by a free people who are intent on sweeping the Pacific clear of fascist hate. That's where our job here at home comes in.

The war to crush Japan is not an easy matter. It will be a bigger, tougher and longer job to accomplish than most Americans expect. The Allied Military Command has estimated that it will take years—not months. And the Japs as our men in the Pacific know, fight to the death.

It is up to us to make the task easier for

our men on the Eastern Front by giving them everything they need. With the money we loan our government through the purchase of War Bonds, we can speed more boats and planes and guns and ammunition and food to our armies which they must have if we are to be victorious over the Japanese.

Two down and one to go! . . . Let all Americans do their part, for their own sake and for their country's sake by going all out for the MIGHTY SEVENTH WAR LOAN!

# The Women's Army Corps

## PART I—OF ITS HISTORY

The Women's Army Corps, since its inception as an auxiliary nearly three years ago (May 14, 1942), has undergone one major change and many gradual and important developments. Each change has helped fit women more effectively into the framework of the Army.

The major change came with the passage of the law in July, 1943, which abolished the Auxiliary Corps and brought all those women and officers who desired to enlist—and who could meet the new qualifications—into the Army itself with full military status.

The training and utilization of women in the Army has become progressively more simple and effective since that change. A more natural relationship has been established between the Army as a whole and its newest type of soldier.

The WAC no longer meets those extremes of misunderstanding which it did while attempting to function as a group of women set apart in an auxiliary corps. It was never their wish—or the wish of the War Department—that they should be set apart, any more than women in America are set apart in the home or in the office. The plan from the beginning, and the particular hope of the women in the Corps, was that the skills and abilities of women could be integrated naturally within the already existing framework of the Army. They wanted no special favors because they were women, nor did they wish the Women's Army Corps to be a militant feminist movement.

That hope has been realized abundantly. Today, the WAC is no longer a corps of women. It is nearly 100,000 officers and enlisted women serving everywhere throughout the Army. Women are serving in the Signal Corps, in the Army Medical Department, in Ordnance, in Civil Affairs, in Military Intelligence, in Transportation. They are serving with the Quartermaster Corps, the Inspector General's and Judge Advocate General's Departments, the Engineers, the Provost Marshal General's Office and in Chemical Warfare Service. They are performing almost every type of



task except combat. Enlisted women are even assigned, for headquarters work, to combat elements of the forces overseas.

Working in all these elements of a vast and complex Army, the women belong, not to a women's corps, but to whatever branch of corps of the Army they are assigned to work. Their loyalty and their intense pride is in that army, service or command, and it matches the loyalty and the intense pride of the men with whom they work. This is as the Army wants it to be.

The Women's Army Corps is that instrument by which the Army enlists, trains and equips women soldiers and gives them their initial classification and assignments. In its planning and in its continuing concern for their health and welfare, the Army remembers that they are women. But in their assignments after training, they are integrated as individuals with certain needed skills into the Army itself—not into a separate corps.

Enlisted women are quartered together, as WAC units with a WAC unit commander who looks after their housing, food, supplies and equipment and their general health and welfare. This officer is responsible for the well-being of the troops in her command, but not for supervising their Army jobs. Commissioned officers are responsible for their own quarters, food, supplies and equipment.

WACs do many jobs in the Army, contributing directly to the fighting fronts—jobs which mean that supplies flow on time, that ships and tanks and guns are where they should be, that orders are precise and accurate and delivered on schedule, that channels of communication are kept open and that the records of every soldier who works and fights in this war are as complete and dependable as though he kept them himself in a conscientious diary.

In their devotion to these tasks, in their high regard for the Army's great and important teamwork, these women have earned the pride they now feel in being soldiers. They have earned the right to say, "I am in the Army of the United States."

# FOR SAFETY'S SAKE . . .

One of a series of cartoons stressing SAFETY . . . by  
Pfc. Stan Louis of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital



If a patient needs pep to make him "hep," and his doctor orders a "shot,"  
For safety's sake, be sure to take precaution—will you not?  
For a hypo for one may not be any fun, when given to another—  
It may cause a ruse, if the wrong one you use, and will you hear about it—oh,  
brother!

## FORMER BROOKE EMPLOYEE VISITS HOSPITAL AFTER MORE THAN 3 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY IN SOUTH PACIFIC

"Brooke has certainly expanded since I was employed at the old 'Station Hospital,' three years ago," Sgt. George Spangler, Marine Corps of San Antonio, exclaimed. "It's grand to be home again though and sleep in beds with mattresses and clean sheets—drink coffee any time I feel like it, eat eggs and drink milk, then go back to the clean sheets of the bed and sleep as late as I want to—that's what I call heaven," he smiled.

Sgt. Spangler left his position at the hospital (which he held from 1937 to 1940) and just after Pearl Harbor, joined the Marine Corps—16 December 1941. By March, 1942, he was stationed at Samoa where he remained the following 19 months before participating in the bloody battle of Tarawa. Enemy action for Spangler was again encountered in the Gilbert Islands; Marshall Islands, and Guam, being climaxed with the Leyte campaign of the Philippines, not receiving one wound, or ever a scratch.

Of 140 men, members of his former platoon, only six men survived and of the six, only two are still on active duty and Sgt. Spangler is one. His total overseas duty amounts to 38 months.

Spangler was a member of the Second Defense, Second Marine Brigade—an artillery outfit. At the completion of his present 30-day leave, he will report to the Marine Corps Base at San Diego for re-assignment.

In addition to the Fleet Marine Force-Pacific shoulder patch, Sgt. Spangler wears the American Defense ribbon; the American Theatre of Operations ribbon; the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of Operations ribbon with two battle stars; the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon with one battle star, and the Philippine Citation ribbon with two battle stars. "I'm very happy I don't wear the Purple Heart ribbon," he said, "that's one medal they can keep."

"If any of the fellows I knew and worked with are still here at Brooke, I'd like very much if they would contact me at F-9953 or 3224 W. Commerce Street. \* \* \* I'd like to talk over old times with them," Sgt. Spangler requested.

### ORCHIDS TO BROOKE

The following letter was sent for publication in the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast. It speaks for itself:

**Just a word of appreciation of the fine treatment accorded me while a patient in Ward 8**

during the past two weeks.

The Medical Officers work so sincerely at an average 10 hours daily. The Nurses and Hospital Corpsmen are very painstaking and very cheerful in their duties.

A special praise I would like to tender to the Mess Officers and their assistants, especially to Miss Petersen, the Dietitian, who is so kind to ask all patients under her jurisdiction if the meal just served was satisfactory, if you had any suggestion, or if you would like anything special.

During my many years in active and retired Army Service, I have never found anything to equal the fine treatment and courtesy extended to me at Brooke.

In all earnest,

**BERNARD LEONARD**

## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SIN

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it is presented, and this always in a false light. No man or woman ever started out to be a murderer or a wicked individual. The desire for something that he did not have appealed to him, the method of securing it was not questioned, but the first step was taken, and after that, sin grew.

The one lesson for man from the Scripture, is that of obedience to God's teaching, and forever to be on guard against all forms of temptation. It is easier to be sorry after an act is committed, than it is to change the results. God may forgive the act, but the results are sure to follow. The judgment pronounced on Adam and Eve, and the murder of one son by another, are evidence of these. Christ said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."

**OLIE G. MATTHEWS**  
Chaplain (Major)

## GENERAL SIMPSON

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mies received similar orders to halt at the Elbe."

Death is the price of victory in war. I know of no commanding officer more considerate of his men. He would never sacrifice his men for his personal aggrandisement or a spectacular victory. General Simpson is the type of Western soldier that Frederic Remington admired and painted. Lean, muscular, and tall; weatherbeaten as a cowboy, with the sharp features of an Indian and withal, soft spoken but firm and understanding—a man's man—God bless him!

TO CARE FOR  
HIM WHO SHALL  
HAVE BORNE THE  
BATTLE ABRAHAM LINCOLN

# BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

# Physical Therapy News



**EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS RECEIVE COMMISSIONS AS PHYSICAL THERAPISTS:** Above, Captain Robert S. Hawthorne, Adjutant of the Brooke Hospital Center, swears in eight members of the Women's Army Corps who successfully completed the course in Physical Therapy and are now full-fledged Second Lieutenants. Left to right, back row: Lts. Roberta Lawrence, Alice A. Wheatley, Florence M. Austin, LaVerne R. Lissy; front row: Lts. Maude M. Irwin, Catherine Igenhutt, Elizabeth Grombacher and Dorothy A. Soden.

Lts. Alice A. Wheatley and Florence M. Austin, both shown above when they received their commissions as Second Lieutenants are now stationed at Brooke General Hospital. The others are scattered from Massachusetts to Utah.

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A number of Physical Therapists from Brooke General Hospital are now serving overseas. They include:

- Eleanor Hays, England.
- Rosemary Nicks, New Guinea.
- Florence Walsh, France.
- Mary Madgett, South Pacific.
- Margery Short, France.
- Jane Flanagan, China, Burma, India.
- Alice Chapman, France.
- Myra Bartley, England.
- Millicent Murrell, en route.
- Ethel Walt, France.
- Jessie Miller, Hawaii.

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Lt. Perrie Ling, graduate of the first Physical Therapy class at Brooke General Hospital has recently returned from her station in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, to be reassigned to the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.

The hospital in Australia where she was stationed for a year, was a Convalescent Hospital near a beach resort and much of the Therapy was done at the beach. The Physical Therapy Clinic itself was limited in equipment but not in results obtained. The cases treated were of various types but a great many were convalescent Typhus cases.

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Lt. Alice Jilek of South Dakota has

recently been assigned to the Physical Therapy Department at Brooke General Hospital. She received her training at the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas and was later stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

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Two new Physical Therapy Clinics have been opened in the Convalescent Hospital; one in the 1200 area and one in 1300 area. These two clinics will shortly be combined into one big clinic in the 1200 area to fill the Physical Therapy needs of the entire Convalescent Hospital. Captain Joshua Ehrlick, MC from Chickasha, Oklahoma is at present head of Physical Therapy at Brooke Convalescent Hospital.

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Captain Elsie Kuraner, in charge of Physical Therapy at Brooke General Hospital and Captain Joshua Ehrlick of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital attended the Physical Therapy conferences at Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan and at Gardiner General Hospital in Chicago. The conferences were called to discuss wartime aspects of Physical Therapy.

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Lt. Fern Green, P. T. formerly of Brooke General Hospital is now stationed at Camp Maxie, Texas, and is in charge of Physical Therapy there.

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## RECENT PROMOTIONS:

To Captain—Glenora M. Hatfield, P. T.  
To 1st Lt.—Georgiana Windham, P. T.

# Printed by Request



When Sergeant Hulon B. Whittington received his Congressional Medal of Honor on April 21st, he had a special request which he asked be granted him; that was that he be allowed to have his photograph taken with his Surgeon, Ward Officer and two of his favorite nurses. But due to circumstances beyond the control of the B.B.B. the picture was not included in the issue carrying the story on Sergeant Whittington's presentation ceremony. So now the request is being complied with in the printing of the photograph shown above. Left to right with Sergeant Whittington are Lt. Colonel Herbert C. Fisher, Chief of the General Surgery Section; 2nd Lieutenant Anita Kunz, Second Lieutenant Laura B. Little and Major Laurence M. Quill, Ward Officer of Ward 4.



NURSES OF BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO ALAMO: On April 20th when the Annual Pilgrimage to the Alamo, "Cradle of Texas Liberty," was made, members of the Army Nurse Corps at Brooke General Hospital were there. Above they are shown on MacArthur Field, where they drilled prior to the parade.

# "Hi-Jinks," USO-Camp Show, To Play at Brooke General Hospital, June 4th, 5th

The Outdoor Theater Near Red Cross Building No. 1 Will Provide the Setting



Borrah Minevitch's Harmonica Rascals

A snappy USO-CAMP SHOWS variety revue, "Hi-Jinks" with expert professional entertainers from stage, screen, and radio, will bring comedy, musical novelties, and a singing and guitarist team to the patients at the Brooke General Hospital on June 4th and 5th.

Featured in the cast will be Ross & Dean,

Master of Ceremony with a singing act, Contreras Troubadours, singing and guitar act, Berl Williams, novelty musical act, Three Belles, harmony singers; Three Bobby Soxers, phonograph pantomime act; Borrah Minevitch Rascals, musical and comedy act and Carl Winters, pianist. Sounds like a swell show—so be on hand to see it.

 **USO CAMP SHOWS—Supported by Public Contributions to the National War Fund**



**STARLETS VISIT PATIENTS:** Pvt. Willis R. Stearns of Creston, Iowa, talks with Wanda McKay, while Carol Thurston converses with Pvt. Ned Moore of Albany, Texas. The starlets visited Brooke General Hospital from April 28th until May 2nd and came through arrangement with the USO-CAMP SHOWS



**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SPEEDS RECOVERY:** Pfc. Leo W. Carron, instructor, holds a design for a lamp base made from 480 parts of wood. The stock is of Honduras mahogany, the foot of walnut and maple. Patients such as Staff Sergeant William Lawton of Abbeville, South Carolina, shown right find that Occupational Therapy speeds recovery. Materials used by the patients in making innumerable practical articles are furnished without charge and when the projects are completed, they become the patients' property to send home if they wish.

# RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.

## "NEW" HOSPITAL NEWS

Reported by Miss Mary Hoose  
Recreation Worker

"Take it Easy"—and we did—we eased into the summer program at the new outdoor theatre with a USO show of the same name.

All stage programs and movies throughout the summer months will take place in this spacious setting, consequently Red Cross Building No. 1 will close at 7 p.m.

Movies which were formerly shown in the afternoon and evening of the same day will be shown only that evening at 8:30 p.m., stage shows at 7:30 p.m.

## "OLD" HOSPITAL NEWS

Reported by Miss Virginia Frye  
Recreation Worker

On Sunday, April 29, 1945, the Hotel Greeters' Association sponsored a most enjoyable evening's entertainment in the Red Cross Building at the Old Hospital. Not only did we see a beautiful technicolor travel film on Mexico, but we had ice cream and cookies afterward. We want to express our thanks to these people, and we hope we'll be seeing them again soon.

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This week we've had a "roving reporter" among the inhabitants of ward 36. We are devoting the rest of this week's column to that illustrious ward and to its able reporter. He has to remain unidentified (we don't blame him), so we shall honor his request. However, if you've ever noticed the fellow who plays ping pong all over the floor as well as on the table, you may have a good idea as to the source of the following tid-bits.

## EDUCATION AND INFORMATION NEWS

### "MAN AND THE SOIL"

"Man and the Soil" is another fine booklet you can have for the asking in the Education and Information Department at Brooke General Hospital. It is a brief introduction to the study of soil conservation and those here at Brooke who intend to invest in small farms after the war or after their discharge from the service will find this book most valuable. This booklet is given without charge to any patient of Brooke General Hospital or Brooke Convalescent Hospital. Get your copy now.

### STOCK QUOTATION BOARD TO BE SET UP

Daily quotations of the New York Stock Exchange will be posted on an attractively lighted board to be installed within a week

## PERSONALITIES OF WARD 36

**RIVERS**—Devotes much of his time to working jig-saw puzzles.

**LT. STONE**—Keeps us toeing the line and liking it.

**CPL. LIN**—Is waiting for the return of "that someone special."

**HELM**—Received the Purple Heart for ('tis said) a bad flea bite suffered while he was helping take a beachhead.

**LT. BESHONER**—Is our favorite pin-up nurse.

**MISS ZIMET**—Our stenographer, is playing hard to get, according to the boys.

**LT. SCHNEER**—Our ward officer, keeps right on doing his daily pill rolling.

**WARD 36**—As a whole is doing O. K. In fact we (the inhabitants) fully believe it to be the outstanding ward at the Old Hospital.

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Reported by Miss Kathleen Varner  
Hospital Recreation Worker

The man who wrote the song about wanting a "Paper Doll" to call his own should have dropped in at the Red Cross Building by the Old Hospital, Tuesday evening, May 1. There he would have found some very clever fellows having fun carrying out the suggestion in the song. Materials in the form of lollipops, crepe paper, paste, and scissors were provided; and any "fickle-minded, real, live girls" who chanced to pass by would have found a gay assortment of "Paper Dolls" taking their places.

While this designing was going on, the other men who were present gathered around the piano for a sing-song to inspire the artists. Refreshments of peanuts, popcorn and lollipops were served.

near the passenger elevator in the basement of the New Hospital. Arrangements for the installation of the board were made by the Information and Education office with the San Antonio branch of the investment firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane. Daily opening and closing stock figures will be furnished by this firm and will be posted as soon as they are received. This same firm has published an interesting booklet entitled "Service for the Serviceman," which is being distributed on the wards. This booklet dealing with investment accounts was prepared especially for service men.

Call at the Education and Information Office for you copy of Service for Servicemen if you haven't received one in your ward.

# **BROOKE CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL**



# Introducing:

## Colonel William C. McCally

**COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE BROOKE CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL**

(Photograph on Front Cover)

Col. William C. McCally, Medical Corps, is the new commanding officer of Brooke Convalescent Hospital, Brooke Hospital Center, at Fort Sam Houston. An overseas veteran, Colonel McCally commanded the Fourth General Hospital, which was located in Melbourne, Australia, and on New Guinea.

Before coming to active duty in January, 1942, he was clinical professor of surgery at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. The Fourth General Hospital, made up entirely of personnel from Western Reserve, was the first general hospital to go overseas. It was on its way to Australia just ten days after it was activated.

Colonel McCally went overseas as chief of surgical service with the rank of lieutenant colonel. In June, 1942, he assumed command, and was promoted to colonel in October of that year. He returned to the States the third of March of this year.

In World War I Colonel McCally was

a second lieutenant in the Infantry, acting as an instructor in a Mississippi camp. He returned to graduate from West Virginia Wesleyan University, Buckhannon, W. Va., and to go on to medical school at Western Reserve.

Following his graduation in 1923 he joined the faculty, and has been associated with the university for 22 years.

He and Mrs. McCally are both enthusiastic about horseback riding, the Colonel being a former member of the Black Horse Troop, 107th Cavalry, Ohio National Guard. A football player in college, Colonel McCally also played three years of professional football at the center position while in medical school.

Mrs. McCally accompanied him to San Antonio, but will return soon to their home at 2916 Litchfield Rd., Shaker Heights, Ohio, where their two children, Michael, 10, and Kathleen, 6, are now residing.

### **DELAYED ACTION--RE: WAR BONDS PURCHASED OVERSEAS**

The War Department has adopted a new plan for the handling of war bonds bought by the men overseas that has many advantages for the soldier. Of necessity, the delivery of the bonds is somewhat slower, but here's the reason why.

The bonds are now issued upon notification from the soldier's organization overseas. Naturally, there is a considerable lapse of time before word is actually received from overseas by the Army War Bond Office in Chicago, where the bonds are issued. Consequently they may not be received by the persons designated until from 30 to 60 days later than they have been accustomed to receiving them. The purchaser won't lose anything by it though, because the bonds are dated on the first day of the month in which payroll deduction is made. There is therefore no loss of interest, and the maturity date of the bond is not affected.

Here are some of the advantages. In the first place, the soldier can vary his bond purchases to suit the condition of his pocketbook each month, without the confusion caused by discontinuing one bond purchase plan and starting a new one. Since the present plan completes the transaction

right within the soldier's own organization, the margin of error is practically eliminated. Another advantage is the simplification of paper work when the soldier leaves the army, as each purchase is completed at the time of the pay deduction, and there is no necessity for assembling a lot of records at a central agency.

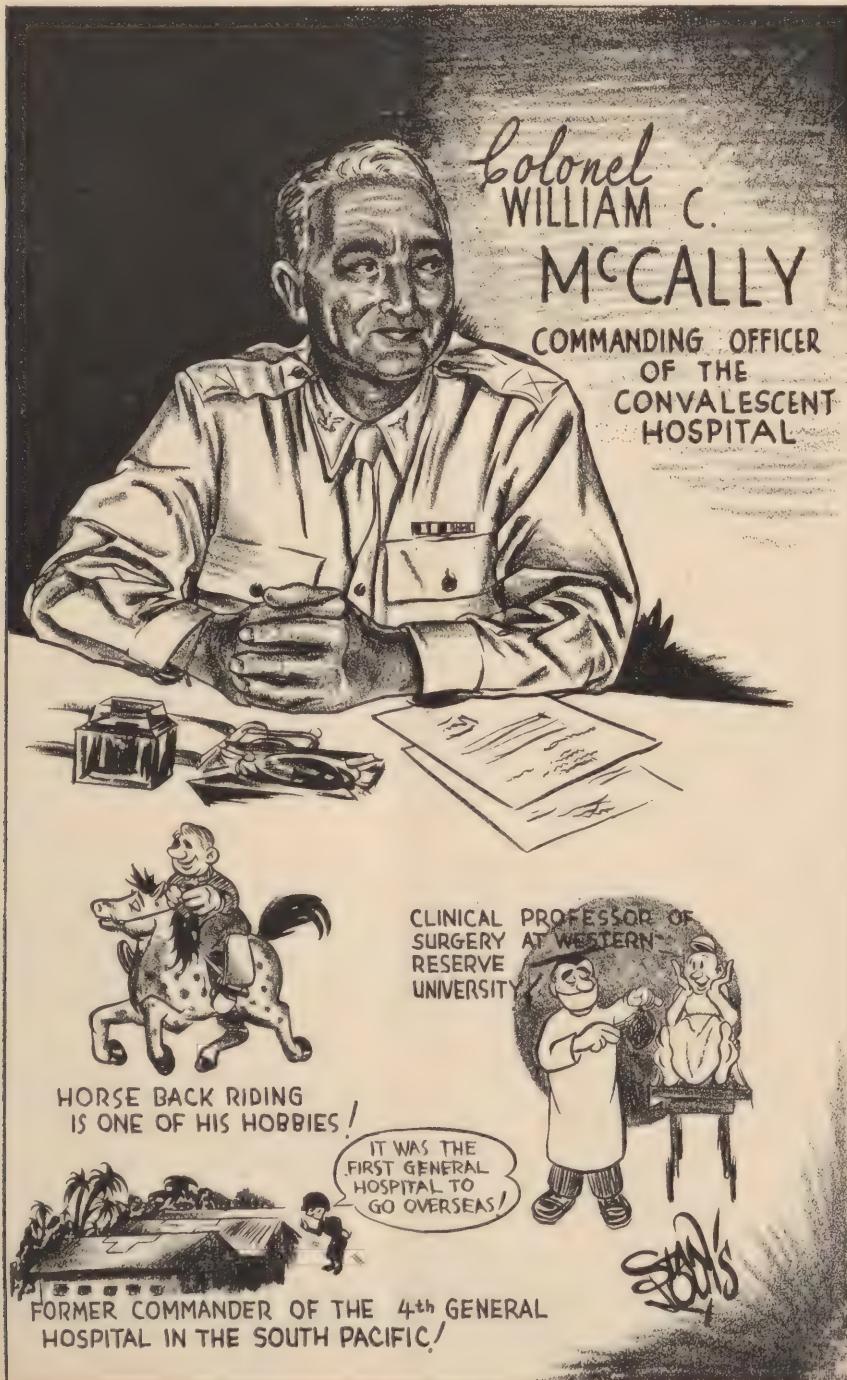
Changes of address must be recorded in the soldier's service record overseas, and forwarded to the Army War Bond Office by his organization before the address on a bond can be changed. Thus, it is important that co-owners and beneficiaries leave proper forwarding addresses with the post office, and wherever possible, maintain a permanent address. They should also keep the soldier informed of any change so he can have it recorded on the notification.

The War Department has asked that relatives of men overseas refrain from telephoning or writing about non-delivery of bonds until at least a 90-day period has passed, after the date on which they ordinarily expect delivery of the bond. You can pass that request along to save a lot of confusion.

Your War Bond Officer, or your Personal Affairs Officer, can help you with your bond problems.

# Front 'n' Center

By Pfc. Stan Louis



# Patient at Brooke Convalescent Hospital Purchases \$4,000 In War Bonds . . .



Just before receiving his discharge from the service, First Sergeant Sidney Sharpe of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, overseas veteran, took himself over to the War Bond office of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital and purchased bonds to the tune of \$4,000. He is shown above with Colonel William C. McCally, Commanding Officer of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital, who delivered the bonds. At left is Lt. Harold E. Taylor, Sgt. Sharpe's Company Commander and in the background Lt. Fred L. Kovaks also of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.

Another man who left this Army still feeling he had a job to do purchased \$4,000 in War Bonds just before his discharge. Altogether, Sergeant Sidney Sharpe—First Sergeant, if you please—since he has been a patient at the Brooke Hospital Center has purchased \$4,550.00 in good old U. S. War Bonds and just before leaving San Antonio, felt like buying another \$350.00 worth.

Sergeant Sharpe is only one of many such veterans who feel that when Uncle Sam can't use them as soldiers anymore, they can still help their Uncle out by putting their money in a safe place, with interest.

Sergeant Sharp was formerly First Sergeant of Headquarters Battery, 216th AAA

Gun Battalion 'M, Separate Battalion. He entered the service of his country on September 24, 1942, and went overseas in April, 1943. He saw action in Oran, North Africa and again in Sicily and Italy. Then he went on to Piombino, 170 miles north of Rome. He returned home by the rotation plan, via transport ship from Naples. He was awaiting reassignment when taken ill in October of 1944.

Sergeant Sharpe has some glowing things to say about Brooke. He mentioned the good care he had received from the doctors and the nurses, and says he is in better health today than ever before in his life.

Good luck to you, Sergeant Sharpe, in your newly accepted role as civilian!

## KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS



# BROOKE SPORTS

Edited by Lt. John Suellentrop  
Brooke Convalescent Hospital



(Editor's Note: In response to numerous requests, the B. B. B. is herewith instituting news about Brooke Hospital Center's Baseball Players. Not that we haven't wanted to keep our Sports Page going \* \* \* we do! It's that we haven't been able to find anyone able to take on this added work; that is, until along came Lt. Suellentrop who has agreed to help us out with what's going on in Baseball at Brooke. We are certain Lt. Suellentrop is going to do a good job—for he's on one of the teams himself.)

## INTRODUCING THE FORT SAM HOUSTON RANGERS

The Fort Sam Houston Rangers team consists of seven players assigned to the Brooke Convalescent Hospital and four members of the 1857 SCU stationed at Fort Sam Houston. A brief sketch on each follows:

### SERGEANT GEORGE LACY

... member of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital; Catcher, Manager; played for Louisville in American League, managed Camp Campbell's Baseball team in '43 and '44.



### CORPORAL LLOYD DIETZ

... Pitcher, played with Pittsburgh Pirates in National League. He is a member of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital and last year played with the Brooke General Baseball Team.



### PRIVATE MEL DEUTSCH

... Pitcher; pitched for Louisville and the University of Texas. He's a member of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.



### CORPORAL ALEX HOOKS

... First Baseman; member of the 1857 SCU stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Has seen 16 years of professional baseball. Signed with the Cleveland Indians in 1928; spent three years in the Texas League.



### STAFF SERGEANT DANIEL E. HAYES JR.

... Second Baseman; member of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital. Belongs to the New York Yankees farm system.



### CORPORAL TED POLLEY

... Shortstop; belongs to the New York Giants farm system. Member of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.



### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBBIE ROBINSON

... Third Baseman; played with Memphis and Hollywood. Member of 1857 SCU stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.



**"24 months in service, 12 months overseas,  
3 combat citations, 1 child, and 12 red and  
10 blue points—that's it—85!!"**

**SERGEANT HOWIE BROCK**

. . . Right Fielder; played with Houston Semi-pro clubs. Member of the 1857 SCU stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

**SGT. HARRY GRISWOLD**

. . . Outfielder and Catcher; played with Milwaukee in American Association. Member of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.

**LT. JOHN SUELLENTROP**

. . . Left Fielder. Played with Semi-pro clubs around Wichita, Kansas. He's a member of the staff of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.

**FIRST SERGEANT  
EVERETT A. WEAVER**

. . . Pitcher (southpaw); played Army Baseball with the 35th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and with the 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Member of the 1857 SCU stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.



**"Tsk! Tsk! Temper, temper!!"**

## S C H E D U L E   O F   G A M E S

- 1 June, Friday**—Fort Sam vs. Randolph at Randolph Field; afternoon game.
- 3 June, Sunday**—Fort Sam vs. Brooks Field at Tech Field; afternoon game, 3 p. m.
- 5 June, Tuesday**—Fort Sam vs. S.A.A.C.C. at Tech Field; evening game, 8:15 p. m.
- 7 June, Thursday**—Fort Sam vs. Hondo AAF at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; evening game, 8:15 p. m.
- 10 June, Sunday**—Fort Sam vs. Randolph Field at Randolph Field; afternoon game, 3 p. m.
- 14 June, Thursday**—Fort Sam vs. Kelly Field at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; evening game, 8:15 p. m.
- 17 June, Sunday**—Fort Sam vs. San Marcos at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; afternoon game, 3 p. m.
- 19 June, Tuesday**—Fort Sam vs. Brooks at Brooks Field; afternoon game.
- 21 June, Thursday**—Fort Sam vs. S.A.A.C.C. at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; evening game, 8:15 p. m.
- 24 June, Sunday**—Fort Sam vs. Hondo AAF at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; afternoon game, 3 p. m.
- 26 June, Tuesday**—Fort Sam vs. Randolph Field at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; evening game, 8:15 p. m.

Baseball fans are urged to attend the games and give the Fort Sam Houston Rangers your support. You can bet it will be appreciated.





# **MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ENLISTED TECHNICIANS SCHOOL**

# Campus Notes . . . By Tec. 5 Carroll H. Curry

One of the new students entered the mess hall and espied a table occupied by only one person. Seating himself, he asked the other diner to pass everything. It is rumored that Capt. Herbert very meekly did pass everything.

Probably the best-known of all the students now here is William Lins. He is known to his associates as "Leetle Pancho—the best dang goucho this side of the Rio."

A quietly conducted survey finds "Shame on You" at the top of the list of hillbilly favorites in the school—with "Each Night at Nine" running a close second. Capt. Jim Kelley prefers "I Bought a Rock For My Rocky Mountain Gal."

Although the term "wolf" seems a bit overworked, no other word fits our learned colleague T-3 Sidney Kupferschmidt. Sid even keeps his hair trimmed since the female soldiers arrived on the scene.

Replacing Raymond Nelson, who is on furlough, is a former MDETS student, Dick Stolze. Dick is well-known about the hospital as the "Sheik of San Antone."

Major Renick has been visiting the dental section quite often to engage in a "refresher" discussion of physics. But he still can't decide whether that object would sink to the bottom of the ocean or not.

Many of the men in the school wonder how Major Scott manages to be so cheerful so early in the morn.

For once Harry Williams was speechless. Out of a Texas blue sky, someone asked him: "Just how did you get so ugly in only 38 years?"

Lt. Mike Olenik has joined the BOQ club, and can be found on the PX porch every evening—looking ohsolonesome. The missus is away. Gosh! That's a time when a guy usually breaks loose.

1st. Soldier Elmer Skinner has become quite a Lothario in the past few weeks. That WAC says that El is just too too—uh—too.

It was almost ten-thirty at night. A group of feminine GI's were surrounding some lucky wolf to bid him goodnight. Looking over from Company C, "Pappy"

Plante remarked, "That's Cpl. Hill. Betcha five bucks!" It was.

Wonder if anyone has ever seen T/Sgt. Thornton without his suitcase cap?

Fred Theemling was quite a sight in his camouflaged fatigues at the war bond show in Travis Park. Just wait until that film is developed! His wife will love that picture.

Lt. Wasserman has been rather red-faced ever since the Wacs of the Dental Section overheard his wife call him "Baby Doll."

The Medical Section staff is very quiet when asked about an incident that happened at the recent bond show at Travis Park. It seems that the officer who was using the PA system had to sneeze, and excused himself with this remark, "My hay fever is much worse after living in San Antonio for three years." The San Antonians didn't take too kindly to the remark.

The ping-pong tournament going on in Company "B" is arousing quite a bit of interest. To date, Pvt. William Stitt, two-time winner of the New England Championship Tournament, has beaten all opponents, including a very good paddle pusher, Capt. Herbert.

You've probably already seen these general orders, but we'll pass 'em along just the same.

1. If it moves, salute it.
2. If it does not move, pick it up.
3. If it is too big to pick up, paint it.

Tec 4 R. G. Gielder relates a couple of anecdotes on the WAC students attending MDETS:

## THE HAREM

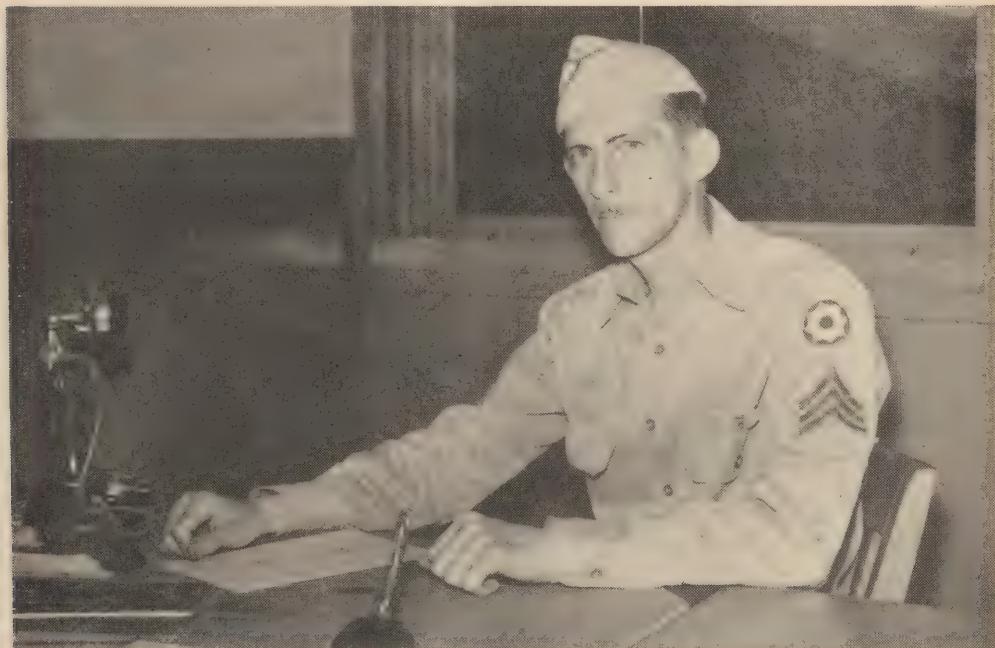
"I hear there are fifteen girls to each man here," the dimpled creature remarked after class. Tec Al Hanbury, surgical instructor, thought a moment, then answered, "Wouldn't be s'prised!"

"Well," welled the soft, sweet voice, "May I be one of your fifteen?"

## OSCAR

The male students' imagination seldom progresses beyond inserting a cigarette between the teeth of a skull. But, a couple of weeks ago, the girls not only did that, but they also added a triangular bandage shawl, a shiny red Adam's apple, and a pair of three-cornered pants. And left Oscar clad thus for inspection.

# Member of FIRST Graduating Class At MDETS Now at Dodd Field



Sergeant Harry Fox, of Westbury, Connecticut, was one of the first men to graduate from the first graduating class of Enlisted Technicians at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School. He is back now from overseas and stationed at Dodd Field. He is the proud wearer of the Combat Medical Badge.

## INTRODUCING SERGEANT FOX

By Tec. 5 Carroll H. Curry

Sergeant Fox, member of the first graduating class of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School (July, 1941) is a soft spoken soldier with a keen glance that seems to size you up at a moment's notice.

It was an unprecedented pleasure for us to talk to a graduate of the early classes of the school and so absorbed with interest in the experiences of Sgt. Fox as a combat medic in the Pacific that much of the interview never reached paper.

Sgt. Harry Fox wears the American Defense Ribbon, Southwest Pacific Ribbon with two battle stars, the Good Conduct Ribbon, and very proudly displays the newly awarded Combat Medical Badge. During his tour of duty in the Medical Department, he has served as an aid man, litter bearer, medical technician, surgical technician, sup-

ply sergeant, and "just about anything you can list." The quote is his.

Sgt. Fox was with an infantry medical detachment on Guadalcanal and New Georgia, and he avers that the attitude toward medics has been justly changed since he went overseas. He is from Waterbury, Connecticut, and was a printer in civilian life. He has a standing invitation to visit MDETS at any time.

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New Stripe Department: Marvin Linder to Staff Sergeant, John Iversen to Staff Sergeant, John Rogers to Staff Sergeant, John Victor to Technician Third Grade, Walter Worrell to Technician Fourth Grade, Robert Jones to Sergeant, Charles Fradella to Sergeant, Chase Roof to Technician Fifth Grade, Francis Plante to Corporal, Carroll Curry to Technician Fifth Grade, John Flannery to Technician Fifth Grade.

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Walter Worrell was all in a dither when  
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**"CURRY'S CORNER"**

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he went to see Lt. Wasserman about barracks inspection. He claimed that such a thing just couldn't happen in his barracks. Only "very satisfactory!" The idea!!

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2nd Lt. Olenik got a bit mixed up on inspection on a Saturday morning recently. He was inspecting the wrong barracks while Barrack 12 awaited his arrival—patiently.

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Tec 5 Hulin Carlton is back from a happy furlough in North Carolina—and has his attractive boss with him. It is suggested that he keep her out of certain drug stores in town.

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Capt. Herbert's current events quiz for the enlisted staff turned out to be very, very interesting. Now, the boys are buying newspapers—and reading the news as well as the comic strips.

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It has been rumored that Tec 5 Peter Lizak, of the dispensary, has joined the "Poppa Pays" club. Congratulations! The boy weighed eight pounds, fifteen and one-half ounces. Peter was specific about that.

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**YOU CAN PROGRESS**

A day of trouble, a day of woe.

You must admit that this is so.

Whatever the cause or reason why,

You can progress if you just try.

Lift up your head and dry your tears;

There really is no need for fears.

Erase your frown and smile instead—

You can progress if you use your head.

In spite of toils; in spite of strife,

Men in every walk of life

Attain their goals and make a name.

You can progress and do the same.

That you're in the Army may be true—

Sometimes you may regret it, too.

Although it may seem all unfair,

You can progress—even in there.

**PVT. OLANDER R. PIGFORD**  
Dental Section, MDETS  
(Ordained Minister)

**CHEERS FOR THE MEDICS**

Every soldier knows what a fine job the personnel of the Medical Department is doing. In the language of Section II, Circular No. 66, WD, 1945, the medical personnel is "daily sharing with the infantry the hazards and hardships of combat." As a means of recognizing the important role being performed by medical personnel on duty with the infantry units, especially

infantry battalions, Circular No. 66 authorizes the issue and wearing of a Medical Badge to those officers, warrant officers and enlisted men of the Medical Department assigned to the medical detachments of infantry regiments, infantry battalions, and elements thereof.

Eligible personnel of the Medical Department may qualify for the badge by satisfactory performance of duties under combat conditions. It may also be awarded retroactively to personnel who qualified at any time on or after 7 December 1941. The badge, when awarded, will be worn on the left breast of the uniform above the line of medals and service ribbons. Thus, the award will serve to distinguish medical personnel in the same manner as the infantryman badge, wings, or paratroop insignia serves to distinguish the expert infantryman, the flyer or the paratrooper.

While no additional pay is authorized for the Medical Badge, this does not lessen its importance. It will remind every soldier who received aid and comfort from a "medic" how bravely and faithfully these comrades of his performed their trying duties.

If you think that you are entitled to the Medical Badge ask your Personal Affairs Officer for details as to qualifications and the right to wear it.

**BIG INTEREST ON LITTLE MONEY**

In "the good old days," you could walk into any savings bank and get 3 per cent on your money. Many banks even paid 4 per cent and gilt-edge investments involving practically no risk of principal would bring 5 or 6 per cent. Try and get those rates today. Savings banks pay 2 per cent, at the most, and many of them are not keen for your money, even at that low rate.

For the soldier who wishes absolute safety of principal, and a high interest rate, there is nothing comparable to a Soldier's Deposit Account. Five dollars starts an account with any disbursing officer, and 4 per cent interest per year is paid on sums left on deposit for more than six months. While the right of withdrawal at any time before discharge is not absolute, your CO can approve a withdrawal to pay bills or because of an emergency. You are furnished with a deposit book, just as with deposits in a savings bank, and no creditor can attach your deposit. In case of your death, the deposit would be paid to your heirs or representatives.

The law provides that desertion shall forfeit a deposit, but aside from that not-to-be-expected contingency, there are no strings attached to it.

See your Personal Affairs Officer for any questions or ask your first sergeant for a glance at AR 35-2600.

# MDETS Produces Medical Show For 7th War Loan Drive



Above, a partial view of the camouflage nets such as used in overseas theatres, to conceal Hospital Aid Stations on the front line.

We've heard it before, and we'll hear it again; that when the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School turns out a show—it's a real show.

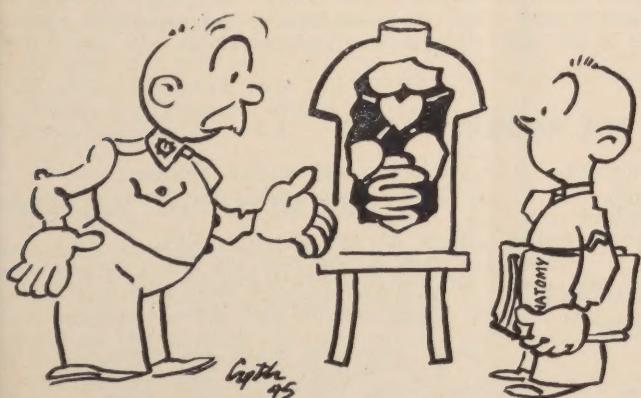
If crowds are any indication of success, then the Medical Show put on by MDETS was a huge success. The Medical Show was

roped off on Travis Square opposite the St. Anthony hotel and here Medical Officers and Enlisted Technicians graphically illustrated the work which the Medics have been doing on the front line.

The show was produced by Colonel Warren C. Fargo, Commandant of the Medical Department. Enlisted Technicians School and various techniques as well as interesting facts about the Medical Department were presented.

A feature of the Mighty 7th War Loan, various articles of equipment were marked to show how many war bonds were necessary to purchase each particular unit.

The Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School since it was established in April of 1941, has turned out thousands of enlisted technicians who have, and are now, serving overseas.



"Now get some guts into this lecture!"

—Drawn by Pvt. William Lytle

# Of General Interest . . .

## HERE'S HOW IT HAPPENED:

### THE PROOF:

*has*

The Women's Army Corps in its three years of existence, in its devotion to its great and important teamwork, earned the pride its women members now feel in being soldiers. They have earned the right to say, "I am in the Army of the United States!"

All dispositions and decisions rendered every applicant's case come from the Chief, National Service Life Insurance, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

Additioning information and applications may be obtained by contacting Captain Robert L. Van Gilder, the Personal Affairs Officer of Brooke, office in the basement, west wing new hospital. If you are unable to see Captain Van Gilder in person, phone

3041 for information sought

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To those not familiar with printing procedure by which mistakes are apt to occur, the above presents graphic proof that it can happen to any publication.

Arrow 1 shows the proof as it was read at the printers with corrections to be made placed in the margin. When the lines were reset, instead of the two corrected lines being placed at the bottom of the page at Arrow 2, which would have made the last paragraph read correctly, they were erroneously placed in the last two lines of the last

paragraph about the Women's Army Corps. See Arrow 3.

Since "pandomonium walked upon the scene" when the Bluebonnet Broadcasts were out and the paragraph about the WAC was read by many of Captain Van Gilder's close associates, the BBB felt it ought to clarify the error and offer its apologies not only to members of the Women's Army Corps, if any are necessary, but to Captain Van Gilder whose wife almost left home. Anyway, we wanted all to know how it happened and that it wasn't done a-purpose!

## THE RESERVE NURSE

When war-clouds darken the horizon  
And soldiers writhe with pain,  
The call goes out o'er all the land  
For the Reserve Nurse to march again.

To the burning planes of Texas,  
To Iceland's frozen shores,  
To Australia, Ireland, or Alaska,  
Even to the Corregidors!

They answer the call of mercy,  
And side by side they stand

To help their soldier brothers,  
Protect and save our land.

They do not ask for glory.  
They do not fear the foe,  
But only ask to do their part  
To rid the world of woe.

And when the wars are over,  
And freedom rings once more,  
They will join their loves ones  
Upon our own home shore.

—By Lt. Helen J. Armstrong, ANC.

## REDUCED FARES

The principal rail and bus carriers throughout the continental United States, exclusive of Alaska, have established especially reduced one-way fares, whereby tickets may be sold to military personnel traveling at their own expense upon discharge from the armed forces who are not entitled to travel on transportation requests and without regard to any travel pay. A properly executed carrier's form of Identification Discharge Certificate must be presented within 30 days from date of discharge.

These tickets will be sold at the rate of approximately 1½ cents per mile, are good for 30 days after date of sale and are for travel in coaches only. They authorize the usual free checkable baggage allowance and stop-over privilege en route within final limit of the ticket. Tickets will be sold reading only from the place of discharge, retirement, or release, or from an intermediate point, to home or place of enlistment or induction, or place of employment in the United States or Canada to which the person desires to travel.

The certificate will be executed by the officer issuing the discharge papers, but only on the official blank form supplied by the carriers. It will not be executed and given to any person who is entitled to be furnished a Government transportation request for travel. When executed, the certificate will be turned over to the individual together with the discharge papers, and he or she will be urged to purchase the ticket as soon as possible. Only one certificate will be executed for an individual, and no duplicate will be issued for any purpose whatsoever.

The general policy of bus lines with respect to special fares for military personnel varies in different sections of the country because of the different rate structures throughout the country. Representatives of local bus companies should be consulted for information.

Further details on how to obtain these reduced fares are contained in Circulars Nos. 358 and 396, WD, 1944, and Circular No. 103, WD, 1945. Ask your Transportation Officer or Personal Affairs Officer to give you any help you need.

## HONORABLE DISCHARGE EMBLEM

There have been many new emblems and insignia lately, and among them you may have seen the honorable discharge emblem recently adopted by the War Department for wear on the uniform of all military personnel who are discharged or separated from the service under honorable conditions. This emblem will be worn as a badge,

of honor indicative of honest and faithful service while a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States during World War II, and will be issued in addition to the lapel button.

It is a cloth device of the same design as the Honorable Service Lapel Button, with the basic design embroidered in gold color, and the background material varying to match the color of the uniform on which it is to be worn.

At the time of honorable discharge or separation from the service, this emblem will be sewed on the right breast of all the outer clothing, centered immediately above the pocket, or in that approximate position if the outer garment has no breast pocket. Any decoration, badge, or other insignia authorized to be worn in this designated position will be worn immediately above the uppermost part of this emblem.

Emblems will be issued to qualified personnel during processing and prior to actual discharge or release from the service. Any individual who is qualified but did not receive the emblem prior to discharge may obtain it at the nearest post, camp, or station by presenting evidence of honorable discharge or separation from the service.

Further details can be found in Circular No. 454, WD, 1944. Your Personal Affairs Officer will be glad to help you with any questions about obtaining this emblem.



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